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SUBJECT: JULY MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL

1. UNDERSECRETARY OF THE BOLIVIAN MINISTRY OF MINES ALVARO UGALDE WILL DEPART LA PAZ AT 3:00 P.M. FOR LONDON TO ATTEND THE ITC MEETING BEGINNING TODAY IN LONDON. AFTERWARDS HE INTENDS TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN WASHINGTON MEETING WITH BOLIVIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS. UGALDE INFORMED RRA THT HE DOES NOT HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE OF ACCOMPLISHING BOLIVIAN OBJECTIVES AT THE MEETING.

2. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT USDEL ASK BOLIVIAN DELEGATION ABOUT BOLIVIAN TIN PRODUCTION THIS YEAR. IN SPITE OF THE HIGHEST PRICES IN HISTORY, BOLIVIAN TIN PRODUCTION IS DECREASING IN 1978 FROM 32,000 MT IN 1977 TO 28,000 MT DUE MAINLY TO COMIBOL'S DECREASING PRODUCTION. USDEL MIGHT INQUIRE AS TO WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS THE PRESENT GOB WILL MAKE TO THE NEW GOB WHICH WILL PROBABLY TAKE OFFICE ON AUGUST 6 IN REGARD TO TAX OR OTHER MEASURES THAT MIGHT HELP THE BOLIVIAN MINING INDUSTRY. WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO THE BOLIVIANS THAT ALTHOUGH THEY COMPLAIN ABOUT GSA SALES THAT THEY ARE DOING NOTHING TO HELP CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN FREE WOLD PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION. ALTHOUGH TIN TAXATION IS GUARDED

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BY ALL PRODUCERS AS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR THE PRODUCERS HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE MARKET AND ON THE SUPPLY OF THIS VITAL METAL TO US INDUSTRY. WE MUST UNFORTUNATELY RELY ON GSA SUPPLIES IF PRODUCERS CANNOT FILL THE BILL. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE WORTH REPEATING TO UGALDE (AND OTHERS) THE ARGUMENT GIVEN BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH METALS WEEK THAT THE IMPACT OF PRODUCER COUNTRY MINERALS TAXATION SYSTEMS

IS NO MORE AN INTERNAL MATTER THAN GSA SALES AND YET WE ARE
COMMITTED TO CONSULT ON US POLICY IN THIS AREA WITH PRODUCERS
AND THE ITC BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE ITS IMPACT ON AND IMPORTANCE TO
THESE INTERESTED PARTIES.
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